

Legal Notice of Comment Period
Salmon Reforestation Project
Klamath National Forest
Salmon/Scott River Ranger District

The Forest Service is using a categorical exclusion (CE) for the proposed Salmon Reforestation Project, and we are asking you to provide comments. The proposed action may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(5, 6).

The Salmon Reforestation Project was developed to promote reforestation and reduce fuel loading on National Forest System lands burned during the Salmon Fire of 2013 (part of the Forks Complex). This project area encompasses 14,710 acres and is located on the Salmon River District of the Klamath National Forest. The project is located approximately 30 miles south west of Etna, California in Siskiyou County and is within the Olsen Creek, Whites Gulch, and Little North Fork of the Salmon River Watersheds. The project area Township (T) 40 North (N), Range (R) 11 West (W), Sections 7-10, 15-21, 30; T41N, R12W, Section 35; T40N, R12W, Sections 10-24 and 27-31, Mount Diablo Meridian; T10N, R8E, Sections 4-6 and 8-9; T11N, R8E, Sections 28 and 32-33, Humboldt Meridian.

The Forest Service proposes to treat about 931 acres with combinations of site preparation and planting. These activities will help facilitate establishment of desired conifers in existing plantations and natural stands lost during the Salmon Fire. Proposal information is available on Klamath National Forest's project webpage at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=43641>.

This scoping comment period will run for 30 days from the date of publication of this legal notice of opportunity to comment in the Siskiyou Daily News (see 36 CFR 218.25(a)(2)). The date of publication of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the scoping comment period. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21).

We are particularly interested in hearing about any potential issues, which are defined as points of discussion, dispute, or debate about the effects of the proposed action. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such a manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the CE. Your participation will help the interdisciplinary team develop effective, issue-driven alternatives and mitigations to the proposed action as needed.

Submit electronic comments at the Klamath National Forest's project webpage: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=43641> by selecting the "Comment on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf).

Written comments can be submitted via fax to (530) 468-120 or mailed to Dave Hays, ATTN: Austen Nevarez, 11263 N. Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032-9702 or hand-delivered during normal business hours (8am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday, excluding holidays).

For oral comments or more project information contact team lead Austen Nevarez at (530) 468-1223 or at abnevarez@fs.fed.us.